

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 27, 2016

The Heritage Commission met in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on October 27, 2016. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones, Shirley Green, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith. Special guest Andrew Cushing also attended. The September minutes were approved as written.

Discussion of Enfield Center Town House: Andrew Cushing presented the draft of the National Historic Register application for the Enfield Center Town House which he has prepared. Meredith will send out the electronic version of the application to Commission members. All thanked Andrew for his work on the application.

Lakeside Park: Meredith reported on the proposed plans for the NH DOT work at the park area, scheduled for next spring. She also mentioned that the bypass road will be cut off from all traffic and parking for approximately six weeks, beginning on or about June 1. There is interest in developing winter activities at the park. Meredith has met with Paul Currier to determine an appropriate location for snow mobile access.

Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway Update: Meredith reported that the next meeting of the Enfield Shaker Scenic Byway Advisory Board would be on November 2 at 4 PM at the Museum. She added that ultimately, it was hoped that the byway could be extended to include Enfield Center but the first step will be to get the byway back in good standing with NH DOT.

Master Plan: The Commission members expressed interest in the updating of the master plan, currently being worked on by Town Planner, Scott Osgood and the Planning Board. Several members asked if the present master plan was available for review. Meredith agreed to check with Scott and Steve to see if a copy might be available for distribution with the Commission.

Annual Award: There was a discussion of the annual Preservation Award and if an exception might be made to honor an individual who had made a substantial contribution to historic preservation for Enfield but was not an Enfield resident. Mary Ann Haagen agreed to write new awards guidelines which would allow for such an exception.

Enfield Shaker Museum Update: Linda Jones reported on the very successful event at the Enfield Shaker Museum, co-sponsored by the Enfield Historical Society and the Museum. All agreed that Steve Taylor, Dairy Farmer, speaking on the NH Dairy business and Michael O'Connor, Museum Curator, speaking on the 1854 Barn did an outstanding job. Mary Ann Haagen reported that the Museum would once again be hosting the Festival of Trees, a popular holiday event.

Other Business: Linda Jones presented a letter of thanks from the Boston and Maine Railroad Historical Society, acknowledging Enfield's gift of a railroad right of way map. Note*: The B & M RR Historical Society has questioned the description of the structure on Lot 44 in the archeological survey of 2003 as a Railroad House. They believe it was a storage building for railroad equipment since there was a large Railroad House only a few miles from the site in Lebanon.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair